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Offices would benefit region

New Madison building close to grand opening

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The planned opening of new probation offices in Madison and East Alton will be a major improvement for both probation officers and the people they serve.

The new Madison office — located at the old city hall on Third Street — will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday at 11 a.m., said Chief Probation Officer Herb Clay.

Within a week or so, he said they would also have some kind of open house.

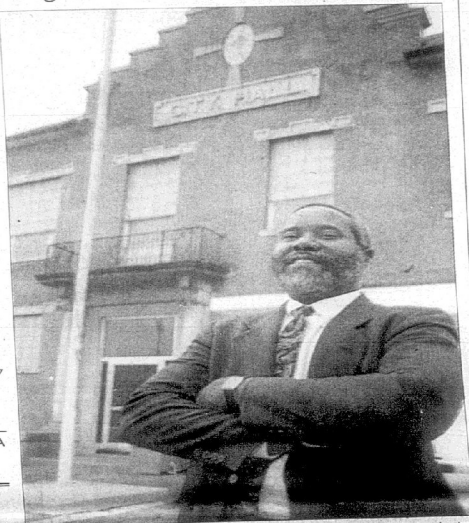
Clay — a Chicago native who has been with the department 23 years — will head the dozen or so probation officers working out of the new location.

He said they will have approximately 700 to 800 cases. "It's a significant number," he said.

Most of the department's case load is in the Granite City and Alton areas. The move to local offices is part of a national trend, Clay said.

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Chief Probation Officer
Herb Clay stands ready to
get to work.



John Freese photo

Mitchell supporters trim map boundaries

Proposal cut from 22 square miles to 14

By Becky Vollmer
Staff writer

Organizers of the effort to incorporate Mitchell have revised their proposed boundaries.

They said Thursday they have made some big concessions to appease neighboring communities who opposed the initial plan.

Madison County officials called that good news and said that hopefully a settlement can be worked out before the issue comes back before the County Board this month or next.

Land near Edwardsville, Pontoon Beach and Granite City was cut from the incorporation map, trimming the municipality that could be Mitchell by about a third, said resident Rich Mueller, an incorporation organizer. The overall proposal was cut from 22 square miles to about 14.

"We've made a lot of concessions," Mueller said. The initial boundaries butted against other municipalities, angering officials who feared being boxed in. That prompted a quick land-grab for unincorporated property.

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William R. Haine
State's Attorney

especially in the 2,700-acre Gateway Commerce Center, and a court battle over whether the Mitchell incorporation would be allowed.

Mueller said Thursday that incorporation proponents agreed to delete from the map Chouteau Island, as well as a

chunk of nearly two square miles that Granite City has its eye on in the heart of the proposed Mitchell. They took out part of the Gateway Commerce Center, reducing the number of acres to be incorporated from 500 to 200.

They backed off property near neighboring communities, including Edwardsville, Roxana, Hartford, South Roxana and Pontoon Beach, all of which last year filed objections to the incorporation effort, which has been under way for about a year.

They also honored property owners who did not want to be part of the incorporation, Mueller said.

Meanwhile, a separate map exists, one that some officials say is a more accurate reflection of what has traditionally been Mitchell.

This map — with its smaller boundaries and fewer residents — will be voted on by Pontoon Beach officials at a meeting Tuesday, the same night the Granite City Council will address it at a special meeting. But neither municipality has legal standing

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GOP nominee ousted from house race

Davis unopposed

By Paul A. Brinkmann
Staff writer

Hartford Mayor Ron Carnell cannot run as the GOP nominee for state representative in the 111th District, Madison County officials ruled Wednesday.

Their decision may leave only one name on the ballot for that seat in November — state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto.

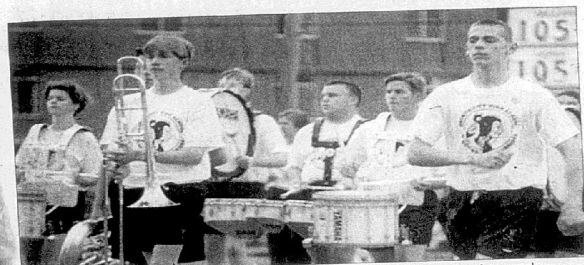
"Davis has got a free ride now, and he's going to be able to spend money on other candidates," Republican Central Committee Chairman Jim Mihalich said.

The GOP can appeal the ruling to the Third Judicial Circuit Court, but Mihalich said he would not recommend it.

The County Officials Election Board held a hearing about Carnell's nomination Wednesday in the County Courthouse.

The three members of the board — all Democrats — are County Clerk Mark Von Nida, State's Attorney William Haine

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Thousands chanced the rain to watch the Shriners' annual parade.



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Tutoring program may be expanded

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison School Board members heard recently that a new reading program started last year in the district is doing well, but needs to be expanded.

MADISON
SCHOOLSAt the
Board's

meeting last week, teacher Bobbie Dallas gave a report on the district's Reading Recovery program. Reading recovery is an intense tutoring program targeting first grade students. The district has been emphasizing early elementary and pre-school education in an effort to improve test scores

and the students' ability to learn in later grades. In the program, kindergarten teachers rank their students at the end of each year, and the four most at-risk students from each class are tested at the beginning of their first grade year. The first grade teachers are also asked to recommend

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News



Paul Labriola, president of Robinson Steel, takes a group on a tour of the future facility of National Robinson LLC. Members from National Steel Corp. and Robinson Steel Co. broke ground symbolizing their future joint venture.

John Frese photo

National, Robinson team up

30 to 35 jobs could be added to new facility

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A new joint venture between two giants will further cement steel as the cornerstone of Granite City.

On Thursday, officials from National Steel Corp. and Robinson Steel Co. broke ground — symbolically, because of the rain — for the new National Robinson LLC. The new plant will be built near Robinson's existing facility in the Tri-City Port District.

National Robinson will process hot rolled steel coils solely from National's Granite City division. The coils will be made into RPS (trademark for Robinson Steel Process) flat panel sheets and plates. The RPS includes a temper mill in the line with corrective leveling to produce a sheet or

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RPS steel is 100 percent guaranteed to stay flat and smooth, explained Paul Labriola, president of Robinson Steel.

"The immediate picture is another facility here... that will add 30 to 35 people in manufacturing jobs," Labriola said. "Probably the biggest impact will be that the plant will consume 200,000 tons of steel."

"That keeps the raw materials here at home on a base-type product," he said. "It's almost like countries exporting. The more you can

do to your raw material the better it is for the country or your community. It keeps the raw material here longer, and more value is added to it."

The joint venture strengthens both companies, Labriola said, and both Robinson and National expect to keep them in the forefront of many markets.

The 100,000-square-foot plant is expected to be up and running by March 1999.

The new plant is also sparking some activity in the Port District, which plans to extend a road, rail road tracks, water and sewer lines to accommodate National Robinson plus future growth in the Port District.

Schools could expand program

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at-risk students for the program.

Children are selected for the program based on their test scores, with the four students scoring lowest being the first to enter the program.

The program can last for varying lengths of time, depending on the student.

"A child's Reading Recovery program can last from 12 to 20 weeks," Dallas said. "The teacher tutors the child individually for thirty minutes daily."

The lesson consists of several components, and every lesson is unique and is planned

for that particular child.

As a child moves successfully through their program, their writing vocabulary increases and they progress to higher reading levels," Dallas said. "The child becomes more independent and requires less help from the teacher."

When the child becomes an "independent reader and writer" the child is "discontinued" from the program.

Dallas said the program has been very successful. Of 22 who have participated, about 13 have been discontinued.

However, Dallas said the program doesn't go far enough, and recommended expanding the program and hiring more teachers for it.

"Many of our students come to school at-risk for failure," she said. "Only one Reading Recovery teacher per elementary school cannot meet the needs of all the at-risk students in the first grade."

She said some students may be held back this year who could have been helped by the program. "An additional Reading Recovery teacher at each elementary building could make it possible for more first graders to discontinue successfully from the program, therefore making them able to independently think about and solve problems they encounter as they learn," she said.

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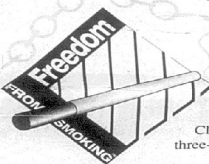
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Correctional buildings set for opening

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"Seventy percent of the correctional population is community based," he said. "Most of these people are not in prison. It is so appropriate that we would go into the community to try to impact recidivism."

The idea is, we're here to get closer to the community or rather to become part of the community," Clay said.

"Therefore we intend to do a lot of outreach-type programs. We'd like to enter into partnerships with agencies, with the schools, and with the police departments."

He said traditionally, probationers have had to travel to Edwardsville. "The probationer is leaving his element to come see us," Clay said. "By us remaining in Edwardsville for the majority of our time, we don't get a true sense of the probationer's life experience."

"By becoming a part of the community, we're able to understand those things a lot better," he said. "It's a win-win for everybody involved."

He said reducing travel time for both probation officers and probationers will mean major improvements.

"Travel time is significant," he said. "It is something that has kept many offenders from meeting conditions of their probation."

"Sometimes it's just a walk down the street or a bike ride," he said. "Or it's much easier to get a ride from a relative or significant other from Granite City or Madison than it is to go to Edwardsville. When a lot of guys come up to see probation officers, have to pay \$5, that's a significant amount of money, especially when our probationers are unemployed."

But first, he said they have to get everything up and running.

"All the equipment is not in place," he said. "We need to get furniture in here, we need to get the computers on line. It might take another week or so to work things out."

"The first floor — including the old police department — will be used for office space for approximately 14 probation workers."

The second floor has not been renovated, but eventually would provide space for outreach services such as drug and alcohol treatment, employment counseling, and education.

"Our focus will be to provide supervision on the probationers," he said. "But also the fact that we will be here, we will be able to get closer to the problems we are experiencing in the communities."

He said the traditional forms of probation have not worked very well.

"We know we need to do something different," he said. "This is a means, a way we can do something different."

"Our ultimate goal is to have a one-stop shopping type of area," he said. "We would provide a facility that those agencies can come in, either on a weekly basis or a permanent basis."

He said those arrangements have yet to be worked out.

Eventually, the office would also deal with other community groups, the schools, and the probationer's family.

"We do feel that you cannot just treat a probationer," he said. "If you are talking about impacting, changing a life, upgrading a life, you have to include those significant people in that person's life."

Events Calendar

Community

The second special registration day for GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT youth and adult programs will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 11 at Brown recreation center.

The youth programs are for summer recreation, Mini cheerleading, pom, pomcheerleading, gymnastics, tennis lessons, ballet/jazz/tap dancing, baseball school, softball school and girls drill team.

Adult programs include Silmettes, step aerobics, tennis and country line dancing.

ID cards may be purchased during those times as well. Call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059 for more information.

The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is holding the 15th annual book sale 6 June 6 at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. Admission is \$1 on Friday night, no charge to members of Friends of the Library and no charge for Saturday morning. All books, records and magazines are 25 cents. Call 797-0223 or 452-6238 for more information.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST presents Mark Swinney, C.S.B., talking on "The Power of God's Love to Heal." Swinney, of New Mexico, is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lecturers.

The talk is scheduled for 2 p.m. today, Sunday, at the church, 2560 Delmar Ave. in Granite City.

Music/concerts

Drummer STAN FORNASZEWSKI AND HIS BIG BAND presents the "Best of Big Bands and Beyond." Concerts are free and open to the public, and are held starting at 7:30

p.m. June 18 at Wilson Park.

Stage plays/musicals

SUMMER SHOWBIZ, the annual stock theater program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer two Broadway blockbusters for summer fare this year: Meredith Willson's beloved "The Music Man," and the magical musical "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe.

"The Music Man" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 11-14 and 18-21, and at 2 p.m. June 21. "Brigadoon" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. July 9-12 and 16-19, and at 2 p.m. July 19. All performances are in SIUE's Communications Theater.

Willson's tribute to small-town life in the Midwest tells the story of the lovable con man Harold Hill, who comes to River City, Iowa, to make a fast buck by convincing the townspeople he can put together a children's band. However, he falls for the local piano teacher and finds that he can't go through with the swindle.

"Brigadoon," with its memorable score and lovely charm, is about two Americans who stumble on a magical town in the hills of Scotland, a town in which life and love bloom only once each 100 years. The two become caught up with the residents and the mythical makeup of the town and must decide whether to stay.

Tickets for each show are \$10; \$8 for senior citizens 65 and older, students, and SIUE faculty and staff with valid ID. Tickets are available for the SIUE Fine Arts box office; call 692-2774.

Davis unopposed, enjoys 'free ride'

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and Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci.

The board ruled that Mihalich and the Republican Central Committee failed to elect an appropriate "Representative Committee" to make the nomination.

Mihalich acknowledged during the hearing that he personally had selected a

committee to make the nomination.

"Aren't we nit-picking here? Is the failure just semantics?"

In our estimation we were following the law," he said. But Haine said he had no choice but to vote against Carnell's candidacy.

"It's not nit-picking. I respect your good intentions, but we do not have the authority to ignore the statutes," Haine said.

Mihalich said later in the

hearing: "We didn't dot the i's and cross the t's. I concede to the fact that we used the wrong language."

Mihalich, who became GOP chairman March 30, represented his party at the hearing without an attorney. He said Carnell could not attend because he was working in St. Louis.

The 11th District includes Granite City, Hartford, Wood River, East Alton, Alton and Bethalto.

Mitchell shrinks its land area

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to bring the map before the Madison County Board, so any vote would be moot, Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said.

"Granite City or Pontoons Beach or Edwardsville or any other municipality does not have legal standing to submit a map for approval to the County Board," Haine said.

"The only ones who can submit a map... are the incorporators of a municipality, and that's Mitchell," he said.

Mitchell proponents say they

plan to submit their map to the County Board for consideration as early as next week. The County Board will then have the option of approving or denying the proposal as is.

The County Board would not be able to alter the boundaries, Haine said. If the board approves, Mitchell could incorporate. If it doesn't, Haine said Mitchell proponents could appeal to a judge in August. Haine said he thinks the matter should be settled in the American Bottoms by the communities with a stake in Mitchell's incorporation effort, rather than the County Board.

"Otherwise, if you don't settle it down there, you have 29 members of the County Board... causing hard feelings."

Board members from outside the area could vote "blind," with no knowledge of the situation or interest, Haine said, and "make decisions and reap animosity for the county government without any real knowledge of the issues."

It is imperative these cities sit down with the Mitchell proponents to avoid another bloodbath on the County Board floor."

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News

Reader thinks kids should go home

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The kids shouldn't have to pay

I think it's wrong that the kids are still in school in East St. Louis. It was the teachers that chose to strike. The students shouldn't be the ones who have to pay.

To call the Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

Don't tell women farming is men's work

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and it's time for two cups of coffee and breakfast. This time of the year is extremely busy, planting the crops and bailing hay.

The days are long and the work is hard, but, whatever you do, don't try to tell this young lady it's men's work. She is just as much at home behind the wheel of her John Deere tractor bailing hay as she is driving her truck and trailer hauling livestock to market.

Well, breakfast is over and it is now time to go on to work finishing the job of getting the

rest of the livestock fed. When you have livestock, there is always something to do, such as giving shots to the baby pigs that were born overnight, cleaning out the barns and checking the cows, sometimes on horseback just for a chance of pace.

Yes, Janine does all of the above, and more. All this before she gets ready to go to her job with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service in Franklin County working with the youths there. The responsibility of this job takes a lot of time to organize such events as the county livestock fair and other activities.

It's now 4 p.m. and the day

at the office is over, time to head back home, maybe to get on the tractor or help work the cattle or move sows and pigs or one of the many other things that come with a day on the farm.

As evening sets in, you would think maybe things would settle down. Well, maybe for some, but not Janine.

If she's not off to a meeting for the Extension Service, there is always something to do on the farm.

Try it sometime. But let me warn you: Don't try and out-work this young lady, because work is one thing she can do.

Scam artists begin seasonal sting

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at a time in such scams.

To help avoid such problems, Churchich offers these tips:

- Get several estimates, comparing pricing and terms.

Ask if the estimate is free before allowing a person into your home.

• Know the salesman's name as well as the name, address and telephone number of the company for whom he works.

- Ask for references and

check them out.

- Inspect the finished job.
- If you sign a contract, make sure it includes a completion date, the exact cost upon completion and materials described in detail. Get oral promises in writing and check that the company is bonded.

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1 Q. What is the title of Rudy Galindo's book?
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It's important to build one's house on solid ground

"We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7. I turned to the Lord for help in making a decision. "Build your house," He said. "All will fall into place. Your needs will be met."

So it began, with His blessing, the foundation of our heavenly dwelling was started. A home that will be filled with love, peace and joy was being built bit by bit, line upon line, on solid rock. That rock is the word of God.

"Therefore, who so ever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell not. "For it was founded upon a rock."



Catherine Galasso

Matthew 7:24,25

The storms of life that come against us will not threaten the stability of a house built on solid rock. The downpours, the drought or the freeze will not weaken it. Your house must be built on wisdom, so it will stand and not collapse.

You, too, can have this wonderful revelation. You can change your world and create a home as it should be. If you

experienced a childhood in a house that was disturbing, you don't have to continue in that fashion. You have an opportunity to build or rebuild your own home.

We must create a home that has hidden strength. It's the dearest place to be. "Home is the definition of God," wrote Emily Dickinson. Our homes can be viewed as "heaven on earth." A safe haven of stability, tranquility and happiness. Even your decorations are an expression of yourself, your tastes and love.

The Lord wants you to have a happy home, a place filled with laughter, fun and sharing. Family, friends and neighbors coming together in kinship, building warm memories. Let go of harsh noises and

confusion and give soft answers. Do not quarrel or find fault with each other. Bring peace and harmony into your home.

Little droplets of kindness can smooth over any irritations of the day. A home is a place of give and take. A retreat, a place to rest and to enjoy life's simplest pleasures, so live within your means. Our legacy of love is more valuable than all the money in the world, blessing our children with happiness.

Base your home on these principles. Anyone can build a house, but only divine love makes it a home.

Our precious residence is an outward structure and example of our own eternal building. It was brought forth by sacrifice, faith and love. Constructed by

human hands, but built by God. His spirit dwells everywhere, from the colorful butterfly on the newly landscaped lawn to the honey bee buzzing in the clovers.

From the kitchen I hear the sweet birds outside as they sing joyfully flocking to their freshly made nests while two blocks away the church bells ring in perfect harmony. In the dusk of the evening, the glistening stars are sitting prettily in the sky, as a backdrop to the chorus of crickets in the neighborhood.

And as the day closes, I can almost see the wings of angels gathering around and protecting its frame.

As I walk through the threshold of our house, my heart is filled with praise to our heavenly Father for

helping me to find my way home. Never will I forget the Lord who gave me this priceless gift... built on solid rock.

Include the Lord in your homemaking. Turn to Him, have faith and your prayers for His perfect will shall be answered. He not only grants prayers but also delivers even more and far greater than you can ever imagine. For in my Father's house are many mansions.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Honors

The following Illinois University students were recognized for academic excellence April 5 at spring Honors Day ceremonies:

Belleville — JENNIFER BLAIES, REBECCA HOFFMANN, JULIE STUMP, BILLIE TEGLAFF, JOSHUA MEURER, COREY HAYDEN, KAREN LASEN, JENNIFER FULTON, ANGGAL HALL, JAMES VOELLINGER, TAMRA HOLMAN, TASHA SMITH.

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Health Dept. offers screening

The Madison County Health Department now offers blood screening during immunization clinic hours.

All children ages 6 months through 6 years should be assessed yearly to determine risk of lead poisoning. Illinois state laws require all children entering day care, nursery school, preschool or kindergarten to provide proof of lead assessment and, if indicated, a blood lead test.

Other items that are possible sources of lead poisoning are: old water pipes made of lead or newer pipes that are lead solder; food grown in contaminated soil; open cans; or bullets.

Milestones

Clayton Rydgig celebrated his birthday June 4.

George Doroghazi celebrated a birthday June 6.

Brian Austin Finn celebrates a birthday today, June 7.

Walter Reed celebrates his 10th birthday today, June 7.

Vi Buchholz celebrates a birthday today, June 7.

Rose Summers celebrates a birthday today, June 7.

Kari Shipley celebrates a birthday June 8.

Bob and Loretta Marcus celebrate an anniversary June 8.

James M. and Helen Lipchik celebrate an anniversary June 9.

Brianna Nichols celebrates a birthday June 9.

Cathy Carr celebrates a birthday June 9.

Robert Bryant celebrates a birthday June 9.

Sheryl Cook celebrates a birthday June 9.

Cally Laughlin celebrates a birthday June 10.

Gina Laub celebrates a birthday June 10.

John Belusko celebrates a birthday June 10.

Kira Long celebrates a birthday June 11.

Sara Daniels celebrates a birthday June 11.

Brady Rainwater celebrates a birthday June 11.

Jeff and Colleen Tretter celebrate an anniversary June 11.

John and Diane Curtin celebrate an anniversary June 11.

Eric Brinker celebrates a birthday June 12.

Merle Pashadag Jr. celebrates a birthday June 12.

Aaron Papp celebrates a birthday June 12.

Richard and Ruby Ebershol celebrate an anniversary June 12.

Evelyn A. Wilson celebrates a birthday June 13.

Patricia Jackson celebrates a birthday June 13.

Dorothy Koroby celebrates a birthday June 13.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

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News

City looks for utility answers

Recent house fire blamed on improper usage

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Residents living in homes without proper utilities is becoming an increasing concern for Madison city officials.

MADISON At Tuesday's meeting the City Council approved having Corporate Council John Papa look into the problem. In a memo to Mayor John Hamm and the City Council, Building Inspector George Hlava said an increase in utility turn-offs is creating a safety hazard.

"I am very concerned as to the direction that this escalating problem may be taking us," the memo said. "The turn-offs in this community have increased and

the safety of our residents is compromised each and every time this happens.

"The worst-case scenario is that residents continue to live in the house using candles for light or space heaters for heat and buckets to flush," Hlava said. "This has resulted in the theft of electric (services) at one house recently that resulted in a fire."

Hlava said the fire occurred recently at a house on Fifth Street.

In other business the Council:

Approved a towing contract with Andy's Auto Body & Towing.

Approved a low bid of \$3,950 by S.S. Gipson Demolition of Edwardsville to tear down a house at 1652 Third Street. The city sought bids on the project because the lot is too small to bring in its own equipment.

Approved preparing bids for two tandem trucks for the Street Department.

Hamm said the city now has two trucks more than 20 years old, and repairs are becoming more and more expensive.

"We've just about squeezed everything out of them," he said.

The Council also approved bids on several vehicles and pieces of equipment, including: A bid of \$22,500 by Gateway Bobcat of Fairview Heights for a new small front-end loader.

Purchased a 1990 Jeep Cherokee for use by the Alarm Department.

Purchased a used pick-up truck and spun glass kennel for the humane department.

The Council also approved changing its bank accounts to "sweep" accounts that will allow the city to receive daily interest.

Madison approves series of five ordinances

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Council took action on a number of ordinances and resolutions, including a series of annexation ordinances, at Tuesday's meeting.

The city approved an annexation petition and series of five ordinances annexing property belonging to the Metro East Sanitary District going west from Gateway International Raceway.

All the land annexed will come into the city zoned B-2

Business. The Council also approved amending a previous ordinance regarding the sale of property at Third Street and McCambridge Avenue.

The city recently sold land on that corner to Casey's General Store. City officials said a convenience store is planned for that location.

The amendment makes minor changes to a previous ordinance approving the sale of the land. The changes had been requested by Casey's. The Council also approved condemnation resolutions for

buildings at 2013 Rhodes, 1914 Elizabeth, 1227 Madison Ave., and 1007 Madison Ave.

The properties are being condemned under a new city program designed to speed up demolitions. By posting the "sweep" accounts that will allow the city to receive daily interest.

The city has been aggressively pursuing condemnations of derelict properties.

The Council also approved an ordinance authorizing a handicapped parking zone at 11738 Second St.

Governor returns to break ground

By Linda Weller
Staff writer

Nearly one year after Gov. Jim Edgar stood under a blazing sun with a symbolic check for \$21.3 million to build SIUE's engineering building, he returned Tuesday to break ground for it in even more heat.

Standing on a platform under the shade of a locust tree, Edgar said jokingly, "Hopefully, one of the functions of this building will be to work on air conditioning technology."

"As a private citizen I want to come back here and enjoy the air conditioning" when the building is completed, Edgar said.

Edgar thanked a contingent of state legislators in attendance, both Republicans and Democrats, who supported funding for the building.

He also thanked them for their part in passing \$6 million in appropriations last week to furnish the building.

"We are going to build the building, but the money is in the bank for the equipment," he said, regardless of what

future legislators decide. Work is expected to begin in mid-June, and the building is expected to be completed as early as spring 2000, with equipment being slowly moved in over several months.

Grabbing red-handled shovels and turning over some soil on a sloping hill for the symbolic ceremony Tuesday were Edgar, Barney Birger of Collinsville, a former SIU trustee and now vice president of the state's Capital Development Board; SIU President Ted Sanders; SIUE Chancellor David Werner; and Harlan Bengston, dean of SIUE's School of Engineering.

"It's a remarkable day as we break ground for the engineering building," Sanders said. "We've come a long way in 30 years."

Werner shared Sanders' excitement over finally breaking ground for the building.

"It is a beautiful day for a beautiful event," he said. "It is really an exciting day for us. It culminates years of dreaming for this facility."

"SIUE will dedicate this exclusively to engineering. Sixty-five percent of the space

will be devoted to classrooms and labs alone. It is going to be a fantastic facility, not only for the engineering school but for the university as a whole."

Edgar said the building will help the state of Illinois to better train its workers for engineering jobs in the next century, calling it "an investment in the future."

Earlier, Werner said SIUE was putting a priority on engineering education.

"With the logistics of the building and its visibility, we will attract new students to campus who are interested in engineering," Werner said.

The school had 36 students enrolled in two degree programs 30 years ago has grown to 700 students in seven undergraduate degree programs. Trustees next week are expected to approve plans to begin offering a master's degree in construction and a bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering through the school in the fall of 1999.

The development board opened bids for work on the new building May 7.

Sheet music collectors show comes to Collinsville Comfort Inn

A sheet music collectors' show will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 13 at the Collinsville Comfort Inn, located at Interstate 55/70 and Illinois

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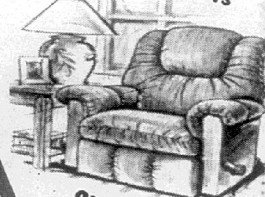
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
If you have been putting off that spring cleaning for a better time, that time is here while the domestic moon is under Virgo's organizing influence. No pile is too high, no desk is too cluttered, and with the purposeful sun, Mercury and Mars in sociable Gemini, recruiting a friend to lend a hand will be snap.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Meet creative, business challenges head on, and rocket to the top. An important step is easier when taken with a close friend. Acknowledge the details, and you are more interesting to others.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Self-improvement journeys are favored. Take time to tell loved ones how dear they are. Romantic partners are easily persuaded, but your winning smile helps, too. A boss fulfills expectations.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your charm intensifies when you meet someone who is creatively stimulating. A former love interest asks a favor. Rescue a

family member if you can. Allow partners plenty of space.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are true to your original mission, which is why you find success so easily. Expect last-minute cancellations and handle them with grace. Discuss a financial proposal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In business, a quick "no" is the second best answer! Thorough research pays off. Appearances are misleading in love and friendship. Avoid spending money on a whim. Instead, save money by pooling resources.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An endeavor begun now has far-reaching effects. An unknown factor is most influential. A meeting where nothing seems to get accomplished might really



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Give a promising student or employee the chance to demonstrate his or her aptitude. A commonplace meeting could result in an outstanding relationship. A Scorpio wants commitment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Obstacles to success exist only in your mind. Slow and steady might not win the race, but it could prevent an ulcer. Be the first to establish a friendly contact with someone extremely intimidating or wildly attractive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A professional relationship to you for solutions to various difficulties. Modernizing or decorating your work space helps concentration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Respond to requests as if they were your own. Be prepared for surprises if you spend the evening with a Sagittarius. A partner demonstrates rather than explains a complaint.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A family matter takes time and attention. Getting chores-level work done in the morning can free the afternoon and evening for more creative endeavors. Your sense of humor plays a major role tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Quarrelsome people listen to reason from someone who is not involved. Follow your intuition when deciding between two possible contracts. A friend might wish to be more than just a friend.

'Last Days of Disco' doesn't make it to the floor

Midway through Whit Stillman's *The Last Days of Disco*, one thing becomes perfectly clear: The writer-director-producer never got into Studio 54, the

Manhattan dance palace that defined the disco era. Stillman sets his movie somewhere in the very early 1980s. By then, disco had already died and had been

replaced by dance clubs that catered to performance artists, theme installations, and once-thriving one-two, one-two beat of Vicki Sue Robinson.

Cerrone et al. had been replaced by the music of Cyndi Lauper, The Human League, the Cars and the Clash.

But in Stillman's vision, it's all a blur, a morphing of the 1970s into the '80s, a time and place that hiccups rather than soars. There's no excitement or invention, no snappy creative plug to hold us or thrill us. Is this the club

age he's talking about or the annual convention of people who sell plastic lawn animals? His story revolves around a crew of infinitely uninspiring characters, who not only are bored with their very

existences but who are boring to watch. It is somewhat painful to have to sit through their inane pronouncements about their pointless social activities. It is even more painful to hear them do so with an air of self-importance.

Alice (Chloe Sevigny) and Charlotte (Kate Beckinsale) have recently graduated from the same college and go to work in the editorial basement of a book publishing house. Charlotte, a self-involved, rude moron, spends most of her time berating Alice for being a social failure in college. But she encourages her to hang out at a local 54-like club where they hope to hook up with a couple of guys Charlotte met in the Hamptons.

The club is a place that clearly has seen better days and a better clientele. But people still line the curb trying to get a nod from Van (Burr Steers), the storm trooper who runs the door. Inside, a nerdy guy named Des (Chris Eigeman) seems to pass for a party planner and assistant to Bernie (David Thornton), the shady dude who runs the club. Des devotes his professional life to getting his friends into the club through the back door when he's not scamming women by telling them he's gay.

Alice immediately takes up with a smartypants type who takes her home, beds her and promptly gives her a sexually transmitted disease.

Meanwhile, Des and Jimmy (Mackenzie Astin), who works in advertising, sort through their friendship, which seems to hang on Des sneaking Jimmy into the club because Van hates ad people and Josh (Matt Keeslar), a young assistant district attorney, is busy helping his office nail the club and its owners for tax evasion and other nasty deeds.

But it's the relationships among this group that Stillman tries to keep the focus. These are friends who betray one another, pick each other apart, hurt one another and still find comfort in the group. Alice is especially masochistic, as she remains with Charlotte despite endless sadistic acts.

There's a great soundtrack featuring dance tunes of the '70s and '80s. But with so little energy in the movie itself, you'll hardly want to tap your toe.

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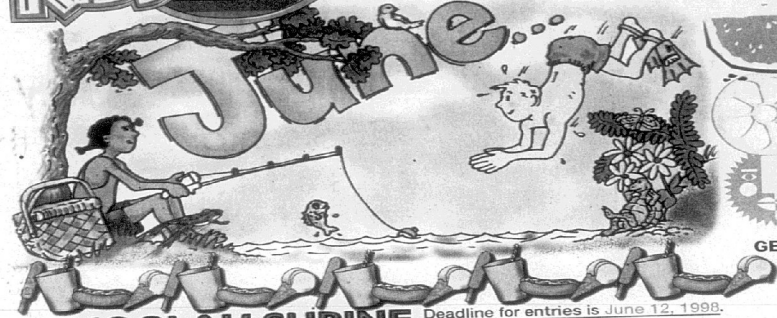
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8. What is a frog's favorite flower? A crocus!
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10. What did the frog say to the tailor who couldn't find the scissors?
11. What is the difference between a frog and a cat?

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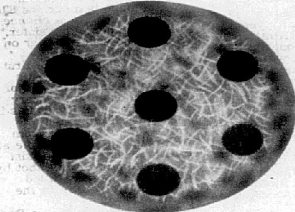
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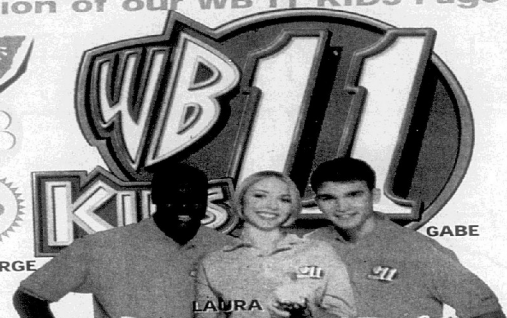
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Our newest member is Laura who has taken Nikki's position in the Crew because Nikki has moved out of town. Laura is 18 years old and graduated from Kennedy High School last month. She has joined George, Gabe and "Louie" in the WB 11 Kids Backlot and you can see her each weekday from 6:30-9 A.M. and 3-5 P.M. Laura, George and Gabe also present "Positide" which is a 25 minute program in which they remind kids how important it is to have high self-esteem. "Positide" is presented at camps and schools year-round. You can also meet the WB 11 Kids Club Crew throughout the year; from school parades and community days to fund-raisers and WB 11 events. For more information on booking the WB 11 Kids Club Crew, have an adult call 367-7211.



Mulan

Deadline for entries is 6/22/98. Winner's will be randomly drawn.

It's the 38th full-length animated feature by Walt Disney Pictures which is based on one of China's most popular legends. "Mulan" blends adventure, humor and emotion with the story focusing on a brave Chinese woman named Mulan, who disguises herself as a man in order to protect her father and save the country.

WB 11 Kids has 11 Prize Packages to give away! Each winner receives four AMC movie tickets to Mulan, a t-shirt, hat and poster and four small soda and popcorn coupons! Sounds like a great time! All you have to do to enter is complete this sentence. "My very favorite AMC Theatre is

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Jacob Walker Pevely, MO.



My favorite WB Stars Sylvester is a funny cat. He's always doing this and that. He's chasing something orange and yellow. It lives in a cage, this little fellow. From TV, shows you might have heard, that his name is Tweety Bird!

Another star I really like eats carrots when he takes a hike. You might think that that he is funny. Can you guess his name? It's Bugs Bunny!

Kevin Robb age 7 St. Charles, MO.

The Animaniacs are really awesome. It is better than playin' with my possum. I watch them after school because I think they are really cool. Time for closing. I hope they keep noseing. So let the anvils ring!

Ben Light Arnold, MO.

Louie

PROGRAM SCHEDULE WATCH FOR THE KIDS CLUB CREW!

Stay tuned and...leave on WB 11 KIDS

Weekday Mornings	Saturdays
6:00am Marvel Super Heroes	6:00am Van Pines
6:30am X-Men	6:30am The New Adventures of Voltron
7:00am Tiny Toon Adventures	7:00am Pinky & the Brain
7:30am Captain Planet (E/I)	7:30am Superman
8:00am Mummies Alive	8:00am Men in Black: The Series
8:30am Extreme Ghostbusters	8:30am New Adventures of Batman and Superman
9:00am Channel Umptoo 3 TV (E/I)	9:00am Pinky & the Brain
9:30am Beast Wars	9:30am Animaniacs
10:00am Bahamas in Pajamas (E/I)	10:30am Sylvester & Tweety
11:00am Mr. Men (E/I)	11:00am All Dogs Go To Heaven (E/I)
11:30am Bugs 'n Daffy Show	11:30am Honey, I Shrank The Kids
12:00pm Animaniacs	Sundays
1:00pm New Adventures of Batman and Superman	7:30am Oscar's Orchestra (E/I)
2:00pm Boy Meets World	8:00am Dragon Ball Z
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Reason to celebrate

Meyer's retirement, surprise reception for scribe highlight May

Father's Day came early for this scribe via a couple of parties — receptions, if you will — on Sunday, May 17.

The occasions were at Ellis Grade School, where retiring Principal Jim Meyer was recognized; and at the Millstadt Columbus Club, where I was honored at a surprise fete in recognition of my recent induction into the St. Joseph's College Sports Hall of Fame.... You know how long Jim Meyer

Art Voellinger
Sports
Views

has been involved with education? The answer is 52 years — from age six when he entered school in Coulterville to age 58 as he concludes 26 years as a principal.

Has education ever seen a better dressed professional? "I've always been that way," Meyer said of his attire. "I thought if I were going to be a teacher and be in a position of recognition, I should dress the part."

No wonder then why, after being a math teacher at Engle Junior High for eight years and then curriculum director for the Harmony-Engle-Ellis district for three years and then principal, Meyer continued to receive compliments from students for his appearance. At the reception for him at Ellis, though, I found other student observations in a scrapbook tribute that reinforced the insight of children, and, of course, their innocence.

Suggestions for "when you retire" included: "paint the garage," "go to a baseball team," "build houses," "look for seashells at the beach," "play your computer," "play hockey," and "go rollerblading." "Wishes for Mr. Meyer" included: "I wish: 'You will get a good job after you retire being principal,'" and "You would come back..." Others reminded Meyer of how much fun he was and of his smile. However, I'm sure none were aware their principal also had been an outstanding high school basketball official who not only worked the boys state tourney in 1972, '73, and '74 but is a member of the Illinois High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

A basketball and baseball player at Coulterville, Meyer graduated from McKendree College in 1961 and earned a master's degree from SIU-Edwardsville.

It was in '61, through the influence of veteran referees Gene Dart and Bill McFarland and the support of his wife Sandra, Meyer began an officiating career in which he was quickly recognized for his ability to make calls with accuracy and confidence.

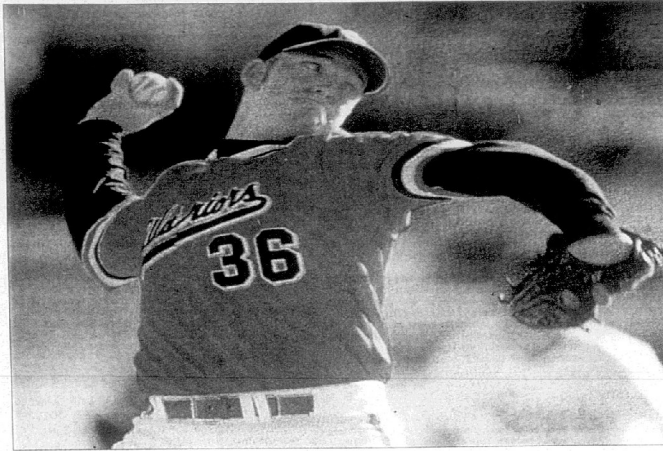
Meyer, obviously, took similar traits with him into education. He will, no doubt, be missed at Ellis and deserves the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Overtime

After expressing thanks to folks related to my alate mater for their efforts to recognize my basketball and baseball career, I must express similar feelings to the persons involved with a reception for an aging jump shooter whose curve ball was an aid to a college education.

At Millstadt, the efforts of a committee including Bing Albert, Bill Klopmeier, Ed Lange, Syl Muehl, Joe Wilson and my son Robb left

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Granite City senior pitcher Dustin Brewer had a 4-5 record and 2.09 ERA with 73 strikeouts in 67 innings.

Brewer has a super Tuesday

GCHS senior signs with Lewis & Clark College, gets drafted by Orioles

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Tuesday was the kind of day Dustin Brewer dreamed about.

That morning, the Granite City High School senior a standout pitcher for the Warriors baseball team — signed a letter of intent to play next season at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey.

That was just the beginning. Around 6 p.m. Tuesday, Brewer got a call from

Baltimore Orioles scout Fred Petersen notifying him that he had been selected in the 32nd round (669th overall) by the Orioles in the major league draft.

Now Brewer faces a tough decision — sign with the Orioles immediately or play next season at Lewis & Clark — but he regards it as a win-win scenario.

"During the season I had a lot of people out there looking at me," Brewer said. "A lot of people said I was going to get

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Lincoln-Way zips past Collinsville in state quarterfinal

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Speed, speed and more speed. The Collinsville Kahoks, who came to the IHSA girls state soccer tournament boasting 14 shutouts, could not find a way to

GIRLS SOCCER

stop speedy Lincoln-Way sophomore Kim Jedlo on Friday night. Jedlo made a habit of living in the Kahoks backfield and used her speed to score one goal and assist on two others in Lincoln-Way's 5-2 state quarterfinal victory on Friday night. The loss ended the Kahoks' season at 23-3-2 and marked the fourth time the Kahoks have lost in the quarterfinals at state.

A parade will honor the Kahoks, beginning 1 p.m. today from The Orchards Shopping Center. A brief pep

assembly will follow at Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium following the parade.

Lincoln-Way's team speed kept the Kahoks defense on its heels throughout the contest. Jedlo scored one of the Knights' two first half goals and assisted on the first two goals of the second half as Lincoln-Way built a 4-0 lead.

"With her speed and just her skill, she is the best player I have seen in a long time," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace said of Jedlo. "Whether she is a sophomore or a senior, she is just a tough little player."

Tasha Siegel had second half goals for the Kahoks. LeMaster showcased some of her own speed when she ran past the Knights defense and beat keeper Melissa Hardy for a goal with 14:03 left in the game.

Siegel's school-record 33rd goal of the season came when she broke in alone to score with 2:59 remaining. But the spree came too late for the Kahoks.

"If we would have played as good as we did in the second half in the first, we could have put up a better match," Siegel said. "They were beating us to every 50-50 ball and they were out-hustling and out-shooting us. We were really flat."

The Knights maintained that intensity into the early portion of the second half. Jedlo fed Angie Kozelski twice in the first 15 minutes of the second half as the Knights doubled their lead to 4-0.

Sandwiched between Collinsville's goals by LeMaster and Siegel was a goal by Lincoln-Way's Megan White.

"I don't think we walked over them," Lincoln-Way coach Brian Papa

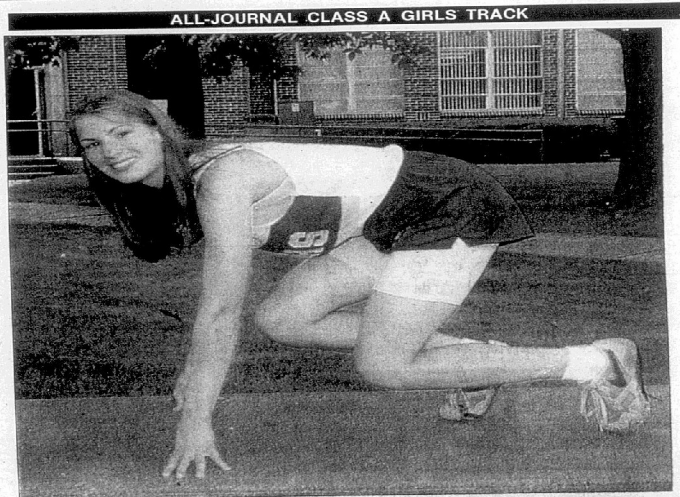
said. "You have got a lot of tradition down at Collinsville, and you've got a lot of pride."

"I thought our girls played real well."

Lincoln-Way came out aggressive from the outset. The Knights dominated the first 10 minutes of play and Denise Peck rewarded her team's effort when she took a pass from Lauren Coffey and beat Kahoks goalie Mandy Waitkalis.

The Kahoks responded with two shots in the next 10 minutes. The best of those opportunities came on a corner kick when Lori Benesh floated a pass to Siegel, who settled the ball and turned to fire a looping shot just over the crossbar.

Lincoln-Way closed out the first half scoring with 7:38 remaining. Siegel had the ball stolen from her in the Kahoks third of the field by Peck. Jedlo retrieved the ball and scored.



Red Bud senior Kim Roy placed third in the 100 meters and fourth in the 200 at the IHSA Class A state meet.

Red Bud's Roy sprints to success

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Red Bud High's Kim Roy had less than stellar circumstances surrounding her appearance at the IHSA Class A state track tournament May 23-24 in Charleston. After competing in the semifinals the first day at state, Roy made the two hour trip back to Red Bud for her high school graduation that evening.

Following the graduation, Roy returned to Charleston, arriving around 12:15 a.m. She

then woke up around 7 a.m. to compete in the finals.

Those factors, combined with brisk and wet conditions in Charleston, made life somewhat difficult for Roy on the final day of state competition.

"Traveling from Charleston back down to here takes a big toll on anybody," the Musketeers senior said. "That took a lot out of me. That takes a lot out of a person ... and it

See ROY, Page 3B

SIU-Edwardsville lands Pattonville standout

Eller signs with Cougars

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Larry Eller will not have to travel far to see his daughter Kristi play college basketball.

Eller, who has been involved in coaching for many years, was a fixture at Pattonville (Mo.) High School the last couple of years, watching Kristi star for the Pirates.

He was usually standing on the top row of the bleachers with a video recorder in hand.

He is happy his daughter will be playing next season at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Kristi recently signed a national letter of intent to play with the NCAA Division II Cougars.

"One of the reasons she decided on SIU is because she is going to have the opportunity to play right away," Larry Eller said. "Another major reason was that it was close enough for us to come out and see her play. I definitely like that."

Kristi said that her father has had the biggest influence on her basketball career.

"I remember when Dad was coaching (Missouri's) Kelly Thames when he was 10 years old," Kristi said. "I'd go with him to the practices and they said I'd always be running on the court. I really look up to Dad. He knows so much about the game. I still learn from him every day. We have a good relationship and the fact that he, my mom and sister will be able to

watch me play was one of the reasons I chose SIU."

Kristi Eller was on winning teams throughout her high school days. She started at Incarnate Word Academy and played for a state championship team in Class 3A as a freshman.

What made it nicer for Eller was that she got a chance to play with her older sister, Sara, who was a senior on that team.

Kristi Eller was the first player off the bench as a freshman and had a major role in a one-point victory over Jefferson City Holias in the state championship game. She hit a shot from mid-court to tie the game at halftime and had an assist on the game-winning shot by April McKinney with 2.6 seconds left to play in the game.

Eller started with the Red Knights as a sophomore and transferred to Pattonville as a junior. She had attended schools in the Pattonville district prior to going to Incarnate Word Academy so she did not have a difficult adjustment socially. But there was an adjustment period playing basketball. "The biggest difference was playing for a woman coach for the first time," Eller said. "I liked her a lot but there was an adjustment I had to make."

Eller helped the Lady Pirates to back-to-back 23-4 seasons. Pattonville lost in the sectional round both years, falling to Cor Jesu two years ago and McCluer last year.

She averaged almost 20

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Sports

Roy sprints to state meet success for Red Bud

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was pretty chilly." Roy, however, overcame the elements to finish third in the 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200 meters.

For Roy, the Class A Female Track Athlete of the Year for the Journal News-Sentinel of Southern Illinois, the state performance was a perfect culmination to her tremendous career at Red Bud.

"We were happy about that. We just wanted to medal in both," Roy said of her performance at state. "Everything went as we planned. We made it to state in both the 100 and 200, and that's what we wanted. And I felt like I ran good."

Roy, a Prairie Du Rocher resident, put together an impressive resume at Red Bud, breaking the school records in both the 100 and 200 meters.

She was undefeated in those two events this spring until the state meet.

Additionally, Roy was Most Valuable (Female) Athlete at the Randolph-Monroe Bi-County Meet on April 24 and she medaled at the Red Bud Invitational on April 18, winning the 100 and 200.

Roy advanced to state all four years as well, qualifying in the 100 and 200 in her final three campaigns.

"It meant a lot to me," Roy said of having so much success in her senior season. "Everybody expected so much out of me. The coaches really expected more than I had ever thought that they would. I had to do as best I could, and I think that I did. I'm just really pleased with everything. Everybody's given me a lot of support."

Red Bud girls track coach Tod Rushing said Roy is the consummate athlete.

"She does whatever you ask," Rushing said. "She worked hard. She was willing to do and make sacrifices for the team. She never missed a practice and never complained. She's the kind of athlete a person loves to coach. She was a leader by action and not by words."

Added boys track coach Matt Mason, who co-coaches the team with Rushing: "I'm very happy for her for one. She deserves every bit of success that has come her way. She's very competitive without showing it. She doesn't like to lose. She'll joke around, but when the time comes to compete, she's ready to go. She's worked very hard. In addition to her work ethic, Roy's competitive fire and mental toughness help separate her from other track athletes."

"She has a self-confidence and strong desire to win," Rushing said. "She wants to be the best she can be. She

"She worked hard. She was willing to do and make sacrifices for the team. She never missed a practice and never complained. She's the kind of athlete a person loves to coach. She was a leader by action and not by words."

Tod Rushing
Red Bud coach
on Kim Roy

always had that desire. She improved her times. She was willing to make those little sacrifices. She's a competitor. She has a strong competitive desire."

That desire helps drive Roy, especially against top-flight competition.

"My next best competitor I had had to be Tika Ward from Spary," said Roy, who also ran the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relay this spring. "She boosted me. I had heard she was quick, and that made me just have to work harder because I was afraid somebody would beat me. And I

certainly didn't want that."

Roy now will showcase her track talents at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. She likely will run the 400 or possibly the 800 at SIUE.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Roy said. "Division I school — I know I believe that I can do it. I can do the 400. I'd like to do that. I just haven't had a lot of practice with it."

The competition up there is going to be really tough. Times are going to be really good. But my times are just as good as theirs. So I think I can stick it out."

Mason said Roy still must make adjustments for the collegiate level.

"One thing she might have to adjust to is that day in, day out there's better competition," Mason said. "One thing I hope she takes with her is her competitive spirit. Hopefully, she'll deal with it as well as she has at the high school level. She'll have to train more than she did in high school. She didn't train year-round. She was basically a February to May athlete."

Mason and Rushing will miss Roy. "She can do whatever she wants," he says. "She puts her mind on it. Mason said, 'I'm really happy for her. She and I came to Red Bud (1994-95 school year) at the same time. We were pretty close as an athlete and a coach.'"

Reasons to celebrate

Festivities made month of May memorable

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me dazed. In addition to the kind words of my sisters Dee and Mary and brother Stan and surprise visit by daughter Beth and son Brad, I am most appreciative of a character who would have pleased me deceased parents — Elmer and Helen.

How a secret could be kept from me is intriguing, especially since I spent Mother's Day with Karen Fitzgerald and her parents, Jim and Gloria Biedwell, and family.

In my thanks at Millstadt, I referred to having had many examples of a character. If I can maintain just a bit of the courage and patience that a man like Mr. Biedwell, a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, has shown, then I feel good about myself.

Happy Father's Day — even if it is a little early, to all Dads, including Jim Meyer, who was in the class noted: "Is as special as a hole-in-one."

All-Journal Class A Girls Track

Class A Girls Track First team

Shot put: Jodi Luchefeld, Freeburg.
Discus: Abby Skær, Freeburg.
Long jump: Allison Randle, Freeburg.
High jump: Jessica Giesbaum, Westlin.
Triple jump: Allison Randle, Freeburg.
800 medley relay: Freeburg (Carrie Boevig, Amber Tinney, Nikki Taylor, Lindsay Bruno).
3,200 relay: Freeburg (Alison Louthan, Jessica Kreher, Jenny Bauer, Amanda Uhl).

3,200 run: Lauren Schaefer, Freeburg.
100: Kim Roy, Red Bud.
100 hurdles: Lindsay Maasberg, Columbia.
800 meters: Amanda Uhl, Freeburg.
1,600-meter relay: Freeburg (Carrie Boevig, Amber Tinney, Allison Randle, Nikki Taylor).
400: Kim Roy, Red Bud.
300 hurdles: Corin Scherf, Freeburg.
1,600-meter run: Lauren Schaefer, Freeburg.
1,600-meter relay: Freeburg (Carrie Boevig, Amber Tinney, Allison Randle, Nikki Taylor).

200: Kim Roy, Red Bud.
1,600-meter relay: Freeburg (Alison Louthan, Nikki Taylor, Amanda Uhl, Carrie Boevig).
Second team
Shot put: Abby Skær, Freeburg.
Discus: Cheryl Haas, Westlin.
Long jump: Lauren Sandherrich, Freeburg.
High jump: Corin Scherf, Freeburg.
Triple jump: Caille Biedwell, Freeburg.
800 medley relay: Columbia.
3,200 relay: Red Bud.

3,200 run: Sarah Aubuchon, Red Bud.
100 hurdles: Corin Scherf, Freeburg.
100: Amber Tinney, Freeburg.
800: Jessica Kreher, Freeburg.
800-meter relay: Red Bud.
400: Amanda Mehring, Red Bud.
300 hurdles: Lindsay Maasberg, Columbia.
1,600-meter run: Sarah Aubuchon, Red Bud.
200: Lori Garfield, Columbia.
1,600-meter relay: Westlin (Cheryl Haas, Theresa Arnold, Nivia Pratt, Lori Fritzell).

Granite City Park District Standings

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT SOFTBALL JUNIOR POOL 35-AND-OVER	
Team	W-L
Bundy's	2-0
Jacobmeyers	1-1
Jacobmeyers	1-2
Eagles	1-1
MHC	0-2
Scores	
Jacobmeyers 20, MHC 16	
Eagles 18, Jacobmeyers/Bud Light 27	
11 Jacobmeyers/Bud Light 27, Eagles 12	
Week 2	
Jacobmeyers/Bud Light 16, MHC 2	
Bundy's 17, Jacobmeyers 16	
Bundy's 17, Jacobmeyers 4	
SENIORS 50-AND-OVER	
Team	W-L
Supreme Dogs	2-0
A.G. Edwards	1-1
Dr. Jacks	1-1
Antic Warriors	1-1
Metrol	1-1
U.S. Pallet	1-1
Week 1	
Metrol 23, A.G. Edwards 3	
A.G. Edwards 8, Metrol 5	
Dr. Jacks 13, Antic Warriors 12	
Antic Warriors 10, Dr. Jacks 9	
Senior Dogs 13, U.S. Pallet 10	
Senior Dogs 23, U.S. Pallet 3	
SONNY ANTOFF 50-AND-OVER	
Team	W-L
M.G. Edwards	1-0
A.G. Edwards	1-0
Hooch & Sixteen	1-0
Dairy Queen/Old Rookies	0-1
Week 1	
M.G. 6, D.Q. Old Rookies 5	
A.G. Edwards 15, Hooch & Sixteen 0	
MEN 4A	
Team	W-L
Bundy's Bud Light	3-0
Ta Bar & Grill	3-0
Dooley Appraisal	0-3
Electric Mud Puppies	0-3
Week 1	
Ta Bar & Grill 17, Dooley Appraisal 7	
Bundy's Bud Light 25, Electric Mud Puppies 7	
Week 2	
Ta Bar & Grill 15, Electric Mud Puppies 14	
Bundy's Bud Light 10, Dooley Appraisal 8	
Week 3	
Ta Bar & Grill 20, Dooley Appraisal 13	
Bundy's Bud Light 13, Electric Mud Puppies 12	
MEN 1A	
Team	W-L
Tower Automotive	2-1
G.C. Pest Kickapoo	2-1
Bad Boys	2-1
Shipy Chiropractic	1-1
Shipy Chiropractic	1-1
Highway Cafe	1-2
Hunko Steel	1-2
Walters Sheet Metal	0-2
Gateway Packers	0-4
Scores	
Tower Automotive 16, Walter Sheet Metal 10	
Bad Boys 12, European Tanners 9	
Hunko Steel 25, Gateway Packers 9	
Dawgs 21, Shipley Chiropractic 11	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 20, Highway Cafe 0	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 11, Bad Boys 2	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 10, Dawgs 8	

Hideaway Cafe 16, Gateway Packers 11	Tower Automotive 14, European Tanners 10	TS 21, Hunko Steel 9	Shipy Chiropractic 16, Walters Sheet Metal 4	Pizza World 15, Sammy's Wildcats 5
Week 3				
European Tanners 7, Gateway Packers 0	Bad Boys 26, Hideaway Cafe 5	Tower Automotive 15, Hunko Steel 13	Dawgs 20, European Tanners 8	Jacobmeyers/Miller Light 3-1
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 25, Gateway Packers 8	Shipy Chiropractic 18, YTS 6	MEN 3A		
Team		W-L		
Multicare Specialists	4-0	Pigs	4-0	TS 21, Hunko Steel 9
Blind's II	1-3	Blind's I	1-3	Shipy Chiropractic 16, Walters Sheet Metal 4
Blind's/Country Company	1-3	Hooch	1-3	
Scores		Week 1		
Multicare Specialist 14, Jackson Homes 2	Blind's Country Company 14, Blind's I 21	Hooch's 17	Pigs 21	
Week 2		Pigs 10, Blind's II 4		
Multicare Specialist 14, Hooch's 13	Jackson Homes 19, Blind's Country Company 12	Week 3		
Blind's II 7, Hooch's 9	Pigs 25, Jackson Homes 24	Multicare Specialists 32, Blind's Country Company		
Week 4		Hooch's 14, Jackson Homes 13		
Pigs 15, Blind's Country Company 5	Multicare Specialists 14, Blind's II 10	MEN 3A BLUE		
Team		W-L		
Imo's Gamecocks	2-1	Outlaws	2-1	
G.C. Sox	2-1	Paddy's Mott	2-2	
Ball Blasters	2-2	Midnight Outlaws	1-2	
Midnight Outlaws	1-2	American Colloid	0-4	
Scores		Week 1		
Paddy's Mott 23, G.C. Sox 16	Imo's Gamecocks 23, Ball Blasters 17	Outlaws 23, American Colloid 11		
Week 2		Outlaws 17, Paddy's Mott 10		
Midnight Outlaws 24, American Colloid 10	G.C. Sox 17, Ball Blasters 16	Ball Blasters 16, Midnight Outlaws 11		
Week 3		Paddy's Mott 18, American Colloid 15		
Imo's Gamecocks 18, Outlaws 17	MEN 5A			
Team		W-L		
Kramden's	3-1	Team Performance	2-2	
Budmen	2-2	Peel-Beatty-Mott	1-3	
Peel-Beatty-Mott	1-3	Ta Roughriders	1-3	
Scores		Week 1		
Hooch's 9, Team Performance 7	Team Performance 12, Ta Roughriders 9	Week 2		
Budmen 15, Hooch's 3	Kramden's 15, Peel-Beatty-Mott 10	Hooch's 15, Ta Roughriders 7		
Week 3		Kramden's 24, Budmen 12		
Budmen's 12, Team Performance 10	Hooch's 25, Peel-Beatty-Mott 12	Week 4		
Budmen 17, Ta Roughriders 16	MEN 6A			
Team		W-L		
Pizza World	3-1	Jacobmeyers/Miller Light	3-1	
USA 2	0-3	G.C. Park District 15, Sammy's Wildcats 5		

Hooch & Sixteens 12	10.	Week 2	10.
Buenger Accounting	10.	Wildcats 5	10.
Golf USA 22, Buenger	19.	Sammy's Wildcats 1	7.
Hooch & Sixteens	10.	Family Insurance 1	7.
WOMEN 3C			
Wilson Park Apartments	Team	Wilson Park Apartments	Team
Jacobmeyers 15	1	Jacobmeyers 15	1
Sandy's Dye Hard...	1	Sandy's Dye Hard...	1
Thomas Mortuary	1	Thomas Mortuary	1
Medicine Shoppe 11	1	Medicine Shoppe 11	1
Wilson Park Apartments	Team	Wilson Park Apartments	Team
Mortuary 15	1	Mortuary 15	1
Jacobmeyers 2, Sandy's	1	Jacobmeyers 2, Sandy's	1
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Sandy's Dye Hard...	1	Sandy's Dye Hard...	1
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Hooch & Sixteen 12, Pace Setters	2-1	Buenger Accounting 15, Sammy's Wildcats 6	2-1	Golf USA 22, Buenger Accounting 19	2-1	Sammy's Wildcats 11, Pace Setters 7	2-1
Hooch & Sixteen 14, American Family Insurance 17		WOMEN 2A		Team		W-L	
Wilson Park Apartments	2-0	Wilson Park Apartments	2-0	Sandy's Dye Hards	1-0	Medicine Shoppe II, Classics	0-2
Wilson Park Apartments 17, Thomas Jacobsmeyers 2, Sandy's Dye Hards 1		Week 2		Wilson Park Apartments 13, Medicine Shoppe 0		Week 1	
Wilson Park Apartments 13, Medicine Shoppe 0		Week 2		Wilson Park Apartments 13, Medicine Shoppe 0		Week 1	
Wilson Park Apartments 13, Medicine Shoppe 0		WOMEN 3A		Team		W-L	
Bundy's	3-0	American Auto	3-0	Kramden's	1-2	City Temple	0-3
Team		W-L		Week 1		Week 2	
Inside	2-1	Wm. Schooley Law Office	2-1	Wm. Schooley Law Office	2-1	Jacobmeyers	2-1
Smoky Joe's	1-2	Palovick State Farm	1-2	Chairs	1-3	Little People Day Care	0-3
MHGWA 6, Allied Waste 3		Chairs 5, Smoky Joe's 4		MHGWA 6, Dan Palovick State Farm 7		Allied Waste 3, Wm. Schooley Law Office 10	
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Sports

Brewer signs with Lewis & Clark College, gets drafted by Orioles

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drafted, but I didn't believe it until the phone call came. It's always been a dream of mine to play pro ball. "A couple teams had talked to me about the draft, but I hadn't heard too much from the Orioles. I did fill out some paperwork for them, but I did that for most teams."

Brewer, a 6-foot-5, 225-pound righthander, was 4-5 this season with a 2.09 ERA and 73 strikeouts in 67 innings. He was a three-year varsity veteran in baseball and basketball.

"I went to the Jerry Daniels baseball camp last winter and fall and they taught me a lot about what to expect (in college or pro ball)," Brewer said. "I learned a little more than what I had learned from high school pitching. I talked to an Orioles guy at the Daniels camp, but that's the last time I had talked to them until I was drafted."

"I talked to (a member of the Baltimore organization Thursday afternoon) and they're coming in Monday to negotiate with me. I'm trying to break any (signing bonus) records. I'm sure they'll be fair with me and I'll be fair with them. If I like (the offer), I'm going to go for it."

"If I do sign with them, I would go to Sarasota, Fla., and play in the rookie league. I'd like to decide pretty soon. If I need a year in college, that's fine. But I would like to get started on a pro career as soon as possible."

If Brewer doesn't sign immediately, he could do the draft and follow routine, in which he would play college ball for a year and Baltimore would retain his rights until the 1999 draft.

"At the beginning of the season, we weren't gelling at all... But we won 10 of our last 11 games and lost (to unbeaten Edwardsville) in the regional championship game."

Dustin Brewer
Granite City senior

rights until the 1999 draft. Either way, he's ready to take his game to the next level.

"I came up a couple miles per hour on my fastball this year," he said. "My comfort zone was 88 to 88 (mph), but I popped it to a couple times at 90 or 91. I lit the fire in my junior year and people were gunning for me this year."

"At the beginning of the season, we weren't gelling at all. I made some bad pitches in situations where I should have done something else. But we won 10 of our last 11 games and lost (to unbeaten Edwardsville) in the regional championship game."

Brewer played soccer his first years in high school but quit after his sophomore season to lift weights and run in preparation for basketball and baseball.

"I love both sports. I like to concentrate on whichever one is in season," he said. "I never played football. I played in Mitchell my first year when I was 5 or 6 and it was real baseball."

"All my coaches have helped me get to this point. My dad and Jerry Daniels have helped a lot, too."

Warrior Pride Stride 5K run set for June 13

The Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run and 2-mile run/walk is set for June 13 at Granite City High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS
The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 2K event at 9:45 a.m. at the Pebling Road parking lot by the east entrance to the high school.

Registration fee is \$9 before June 6; \$11 on race day. T-shirts will be included for the first 300 entries.

The event benefits the Granite City High School track and field team.

For information, contact Richard Skirball at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL, 62040, or call 451-5808.

Soccer camps

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-26 at the Van Fossen Soccer Fields in Collinsville. The day camp, with international coaches, is geared toward the serious soccer player ages 6 to 17. Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase. For information or an application, call Judy at 931-8207 or Carol at 692-1033.

Soccer camp

A soccer camp for girls ages 11-13 will be June 15-18 at Horseshoe Lake Park. Sessions are 6-8 p.m. each evening.

The director is Herb Foerster, head women's soccer coach at Fontbonne College in St. Louis. Cost of the camp is \$40 per person. Players must bring their own soccer balls and water.

For information, call Foerster at 539-4712.

Golf tourney

The Classic is an open tournament and is seeking up to 32 teams to participate. There is a five-game minimum guaranteed to each team, with additional games possible for teams which do not advance to the championship round.

Registration fees are \$525 per team. For more information, call 609-931-9220.

SIUE captures GLVC's all-sports trophy

Special to the Journal

With three Great Lakes Valley Conference championships and several outstanding individual and team finishes, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville was awarded the GLVC's top athletic award for 1997-98 — the all-sports trophy.

COLLEGE SPORTS

University-Edwardsville was awarded the GLVC's top athletic award for 1997-98 — the all-sports trophy.

In the all-sports trophy scoring, each of the 12 institutions in the GLVC counts its 10 best finishes — divided into five women's sports and five men's sports. Men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's soccer and volleyball must be among those counted since all 12 schools sponsor those sports. Relative to an institution's final standing in each sport, a value of points equal to the number of competing institutions is assigned for first place with one point less for second to one point for last place.

SIUE won the all-sports trophy with a whopping 93 points in its 10 counted sports.

Southern Indiana was second 84½ points. Defending champion Lewis University was third with 82½ points. The rest of the teams were as follows: Indianapolis (69), Wisconsin-Park (68), Northern Kentucky (61½), Saint Joseph's (56½), Bellarmine (53½), Quincy (51), UMSL (51), Indiana University/Purdue University-Fort Wayne (42½) and Kentucky Wesleyan (30½).

"This is an outstanding achievement for our student-athletes and coaches," SIUE athletic director Cindy Jones said. "Our student-athletes and coaches have worked very hard all year and deserve recognition for this honor."

Seven of 12 schools won a conference championship this past season. Lewis won the most by sweeping men's cross country and track and women's cross country and track.

SIUE was second with conference titles in men's soccer, men's tennis and baseball.

Southern Indiana and Saint

Joseph's each had two GLVC titles.

This is the first time SIUE has won the all-sports trophy, which will be displayed in the Cougars trophy case for the

1998-99 season. The 1997-98 season was SIUE's third complete year in the GLVC. SIUE took fifth in the all-sports trophy in 1995-96 and tied for second place in 1996-97.

Pattonville coach Daniel Elderts believes Eller will be valuable at either position for the Cougars.

"Kristi has great ball skills so she can play the point," Elderts said. "But she can also shoot it so she could be very valuable at the 2 spot."

She does a lot of good things on the court and has a great attitude. Her biggest asset may be her knowledge of the game. She knows the game really well."

Eller, who will graduate Wednesday, is finishing out her high school athletic career this spring with the Pattonville soccer team. The center-halfback has scored 14 goals this season.

"I'm going to miss soccer next season," said Eller. "But basketball has always been my first love. I can never remember a time when I didn't love basketball."

Missy and I could be interchangeable at the 1 or 2 spots," Eller said. "I can give her some rest at times and she's also a good shooter so she could play some 2 guard. They also have another good guard and they play an up-and-down style so we could rotate all three guards and keep us fresh."

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Society

Organizations

Modern Woodmen

Modern Woodmen Fraternal Society, Granite City Camp 3791, met May 28 in the restaurant. The newly remodeled all-purpose meeting room, 1818 Cleveland, after a "fabulous chicken and all the trimmings buffet" and the business meeting, Modern Woodmen Bingo was played. Guest Cal Turner won the attendance prize.

Members and guests of the society meet the last Thursday of every month for "good food" and "good fellowship." For more information call district representative Barbara Henderson at 345-9013.

CWU Blood Drive

Church Women United is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, in the cafeteria at Holy Family Catholic Church, located on Leonard Ave. The public is encouraged to donate, those weighing 17 pounds or more and who are 17 years of age or older may become donors. In the state of Illinois, 17-year-olds may also give blood if they have a signed Red Cross permission form.

Korean Veterans

The next meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association will be on Monday, June 8, 7 p.m., at the Veterans of Foreign War Post home, 5325 N. Illinois St. in Fairview Heights. Anyone who served in Korea from 1945 to the present or anywhere during the Korean War (June 1950 to Jan. 1953) is eligible to join. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

TRIO Club

The regular meeting of TRIO Homemaking Club was held on Tuesday, at Hope Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Huber. A silent auction was held to raise money for the treasury. Attendance prizes were won by Dorothy Cramer, Mildred Talley and Barbara Phelps. Delicious refreshments were prepared and served by Lucille Sackett, Marion Hamilton and Louise Anderson.

The informative lesson, "Basic Food Safety," was presented by Juanita McCarty and Barbara Phelps.

Class clowns

receive marching orders

Clowning around may come naturally to most kids, but the Suburban Journals are helping 50 area children learn how to do it with flair.

They are winners of the Journals' "Be a Clown" contest, and have been selected as students in the Moolah Shrine Circus' "Class Clown of '98."

The 58th annual Moolah Shrine Circus comes to town June 18 through 21 at the Kiel Center.

The following are members of the class:

Adam Pritchett, Amanda Buhaman, Angela Chapman, Anthony Pomeroy, Ashley Ritter, Ben Schaefer, Brittany Trebing, Caleb Fore, Cameron Diehlman, Camille Carroll, Charlie Donze, Chelsy Slater, Crystal Terry, Daniel Struckhoff, David Farson, David Schaefer, Elliott Klotz, Erin Roper, Evan Albert, Gabby Avallone, Gregory Daniels.

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Tickets for the circus are on sale at the Kiel Center Box Office, 14th and Clark streets, and at the Moolah Shrine Office, 12545 Fee Fee Road. Tickets also are available at all Capitol Tickets locations or by calling Dialtix at 989-8000. Reserved tickets are \$18, \$14, \$12 (plaza reserved) and \$10 (mezzanine reserved).

For general information, call 622-KIEL (6435). For group sales information, call 622-5454. For disabled access information, call 622-5420.

ATTENTION

KMAT SHOPPERS

In our June 7 Kmart Weekly Ad Circular, on page 31 the following items were incorrectly pictured and are available in Big Kmart stores only: Pepperidge Farm Cookies, KC Masterpiece Barbecue Sauce, Kraft Cheese and Crackers, Hand Snacks, and Carmine Marshmallow Munchies. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.

ETA Alumnae

Nine members attended the regular monthly meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority, held Wednesday at Charlie's Restaurant. Helen Hoelscher and Millie Jungels served as hostesses.

Following lunch, card games occupied the afternoon, with prizes purchased by Jungels on a recent trip to Australia. Prize winners included Dorothy Johannmeier, Frances Hartman, LaVeeda Knobbe, Ann McDowell, Van Stuart, Mary Lou Tondick and Mary Evelyn Yench.

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Reed marks

100th birthday

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In addition, the Reeds will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary on June 11. The McIntyres are holding an open house for Reed from 1 to 4 p.m. today for family and friends.

The regular meeting of TRIO Homemaking Club was held on Tuesday, at Hope Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Huber. A silent auction was held to raise money for the treasury. Attendance prizes were won by Dorothy Cramer, Mildred Talley and Barbara Phelps.

Delicious refreshments were prepared and served by Lucille Sackett, Marion Hamilton and Louise Anderson.

The informative lesson, "Basic Food Safety," was presented by Juanita McCarty and Barbara Phelps.

Class clowns receive marching orders

Clowning around may come naturally to most kids, but the Suburban Journals are helping 50 area children learn how to do it with flair.

They are winners of the Journals' "Be a Clown" contest, and have been selected as students in the Moolah Shrine Circus' "Class Clown of '98."

The 58th annual Moolah Shrine Circus comes to town June 18 through 21 at the Kiel Center.

The following are members of the class:

Adam Pritchett, Amanda Buhaman, Angela Chapman, Anthony Pomeroy, Ashley Ritter, Ben Schaefer, Brittany Trebing, Caleb Fore, Cameron Diehlman, Camille Carroll, Charlie Donze, Chelsy Slater, Crystal Terry, Daniel Struckhoff, David Farson, David Schaefer, Elliott Klotz, Erin Roper, Evan Albert, Gabby Avallone, Gregory Daniels.

Gregory Johnson, Jared Connell, Jessica Connell, Joshua Everhart, Karla Rogers, Kathleen Schroeder, Katie Boyer, Katie Osborne, Kayla Taylor, Kristen Loser, Kurt Rippner, Kyle Jaggie, Makenzie Brown, May Morrison, Megan Schammel, Michael Dombek, Molly Pfister, Nicholas Clark, Rebecca Coleman, Ric Robinson, Ryan Basch, Ryan Wernli, Shea Virgin, Stephanie Miller, Timothy Gasch, Tony Pizzella, Wesley Blackwell, Zach Varwig and Zachary O'Bryan.

Tickets for the circus are on sale at the Kiel Center Box Office, 14th and Clark streets, and at the Moolah Shrine Office, 12545 Fee Fee Road. Tickets also are available at all Capitol Tickets locations or by calling Dialtix at 989-8000. Reserved tickets are \$18, \$14, \$12 (plaza reserved) and \$10 (mezzanine reserved).

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ATTENTION

KMAT SHOPPERS

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Gardening Tips

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

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As always, we're happy to oblige. Just in case you find some spare time between the graduations, parties and weddings, here are a few ways to wile away the hours in the garden.

If your patio is made up of individual blocks, remove one or two, replace them with good topsoil and plant a flower or veggie. It's a unique accent, provided it's not located in an area where it will be in the way and get stepped on.

Harvest herbs while tops are fresh and green prior to bloom. If roots or seeds are the desired portion, wait until they have fully developed. Dry herbs in the shade for best oil retention.

Inspect your vegetable garden for insects on a regular basis. If you can treat them before the problem gets bigger. Don't forget to look under leaves.

Spring flowering shrubs and trees should have been pruned already. If not, don't try to do it now. Any further pruning may remove next year's flowers, which are forming at this time.

If you put some houseplants outside, don't neglect them. Continue to water and keep them well groomed.

When cutting roses to bring indoors, make the cut on an outward-facing 5-leaflet leaf, so at least two 5-leaflet leaves are left on the new shoot. This will produce a stronger new growth. To remove faded flowers, go down two 5-leaflet leaves from the flower and make the cut.

Container-grown annuals require extra attention when watering. Due to the confined root area, they tend to dry rapidly and should be checked frequently. Water containers thoroughly, until water seeps out the drainage holes.

A round, brown sunken area on the bottom of tomatoes may be blossom-end rot. To prevent this, keep soil uniformly moist around the plants. Try

mulching plants to keep moisture levels constant. While on the subject of tomatoes, you can make the most of your garden space by training tomatoes to grow up on a stake or in a tomato cage. The fruit will be cleaner, too.

Daylilies would make a great addition to your garden. These hardy perennials will flower for three to four weeks in shades of cream, peach, orange and red. By choosing early, mid- and late-season varieties, you can have color through September.

Pinch back any geraniums that have begun blooming. This will keep them from becoming too leggy. Remember, geraniums are plants that love the hot sun. They don't mind being a little dry.

Hummingbirds are attracted to red, orange or pink tubular flowers. Plant petunias, phlox or lilies to bring them to your yard.

When planting transplants, an application of granular fertilizer such as 5-10-5 should be worked into the soil.

If you have grass and/or weeds peeking up from the cracks or drive in the sidewalks, do away with 'em by using a non-selective weed and grass killer. Be careful when using it, however, since it will kill anything it contacts.

When sweeping up a big pile of lawn waste, such as after edging, your snow shovel makes a great "dustpan." Beats the small household one by a mile.

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News

Tiger Woods will conduct clinics

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Tiger-mania will hit St. Louis later this month. But only a select few will have the opportunity to meet one of the most recognized athletes in the world, Tiger Woods.

The Tiger Woods Foundation Junior Golf Clinic and Exhibition will make its first stop for 1998 in St. Louis, June 27 through 29. St. Louis is one of six stops on the national tour. The foundation is conducting golf clinics in major metropolitan areas in the United States for young people historically denied access and exposure to the sport. It will have a number of events during the three days in St. Louis. Many of those will include Woods and his father, Earl.

But most events will not be open to the general public. "Tiger wants to give something back to the community, and his foundation is one of the ways he is doing so," said Kathryn Ver Hagen of Fleishman-Hillard public relations in St. Louis. "He is going to try to involve select youth organizations that

most benefit from his foundation. Due to his popularity we can't have events open to the general public. It would be a madhouse if we did that, and we would have problems with crowd control."

Most of the tickets to the events will be distributed by local sports organizations. The St. Louis Recreation Division, for instance, is inviting city youngsters ages 7 to 18 to participate in an exhibition by Woods, which will be June 29 in Forest Park.

Youngsters who attend the exhibition must be residents of the city of St. Louis and must be involved in a city recreation program this year or last year. That involvement could include being a member of a sports team, summer camp or enrollment in programs offered at the city's recreation centers.

"We would like to make this a family event," said Evelyn Rice-Peebles, city recreation commissioner.

"We know that many of the parents work and can't attend, but we hope many of the youngsters will be able to bring one parent to this special event."



Linda Gass Burgess photo

Pinned

Graduates of Belleville Area College's Physical Therapist Assistant program gathered at St. Peter's Cathedral for their recent pinning ceremony. Graduates include, from left, front row: Debra Martin of Bunker Hill, Kristen Wildt of Marlissa, Anita McDonough of Ellis Grove, Patricia Borri of Collinsville, Aimee Bumgarner of Swansea, Wildt of Marlissa, of Red Bud, Janice Poore of East Alton and Valerie Bauersachs of Coulterville; second row, Dawn Paerson of Granite City, Rebecca Carlson of O'Fallon, Monik Patterson of Belleville, Susan Novak of Waterloo, Susie Priest of Belleville, Sheila Lannert of New Athens and Steve Lynn of Marine. Bumgarner and Martin graduated with high honors. There were 168 students who graduates from BAC's Allied Health programs this year.

Roads will close during Forest Park construction

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

Getting around Forest Park this summer while construction is going on should not be much of a problem. Fall, however, may be another story.

The work is part of \$86 million in improvements called for in the Forest Park Master Plan. Park visitors will face more road closures as construction work increases later in the year, with many closings overlapping in September and October.

Currently, only Grand Drive from Des Peres Avenue to DeBaliviere Avenue, in the northwest section of the park, is closed. All of Grand in the western part of the park eventually will be closed to Forsyth Boulevard, which Grand becomes when it crosses Skinker Boulevard. Park officials suggest visitors now take Lagoon Drive, which is a more scenic route.

Also, Golf Course Drive behind the St. Louis Art Museum is to be closed this summer. Expect the following road closings:

- Fine Arts Drive south from the St. Louis Art Museum is to be closed from Aug. 15 to Dec. 15 this year.

- The Pagoda Circle area, which includes sections of Theater, Government and McKinley drives near The Muny, is to be closed Sept. 1 to May 15, 1999.

- Jefferson Drive from Grand Drive to Faulkner Drive, in the central eastern section of the park, will close from Oct. 1 to May 1, 1999.

The improvements are to be done in time for the city's centennial celebration in 2004 of the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Familiar roads in the park will look different, said Jim Mann, executive director of Forest Park Forever.

Forest Park Forever is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and preserving the park — developed for riding around the park in horse-drawn carriages when it was created in 1876 — don't fit today's visitor, who wants a clear shot to different park attractions, Mann said. For that reason,

many of the roads will be straightened, he said.

Roads that no longer will be needed will be turned into open space or paths, including Grand Drive from Forsyth to DeBaliviere; the West Pine Boulevard cut-through; Cricket Drive at Confederate Circle; Government Drive from Pagoda Lake to Hampton Avenue; Wells Drive east to Jefferson Drive; and Jefferson east of Pagoda Lake.

"It's a huge, but magnificent project," Mann said. "When it's completed, we want people to see the park more holistically. The park will be even more of a place where parents can take their kids to the art museum, visit the zoo, picnic, fish in the streams and lakes, and enjoy other activities."

The centerpiece of the improvements will be The River, a \$20 million waterway that will connect the lakes in the park. The River will follow the former path of the River Des Peres, which ran through the park before it was routed through underground tunnels so World's Fair structures could be built on top of it. The result of routing the River Des Peres

underground has been flooding in some sections of the park, Mann said.

"There will be walks, benches and landscaping along The River," Mann said. "The flow will be maintained by circulation pumps."

Ground was broken in spring near Steinberg Rink in the southeast part of the park for the first phase of The River construction. The first section will be complete in fall, and the entire project by 2004, Mann said. The restoration of the World's Fair Pavilion — a gift of the Louisiana Purchase Committee to the city of St. Louis from 1904 World's Fair profits — is already under way.

Other aspects of the Forest Park Master Plan include restoring all structures in the park; planting more than 7,500 trees; developing a prairie area; and renovating recreational paths.

The city of St. Louis is contributing \$43 million to the projects, to be paid from a half-cent city sales tax. Forest Park Forever is raising \$43 million through private donations.

Construction is planned through 2004

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The improvements are divided into four phases, said Jim Mann, executive director of Forest Park Forever, a non-profit group that supports the park.

Phase One

Work on the first phase of improvements began a year ago and will wrap up in October 2000. These projects — costing \$8 million — involve connecting the three lakes in the eastern area of the park to create a river-like wetlands.

This work is the first part of the creation of a free-flowing river through

the park. Streams with curves, cascades and pools will be designed to attract visitors; expand boating and fishing opportunities; improve water quality and drainage; and revive wildlife habitats.

Initial work also includes \$1.3 million in renovations to Steinberg Rink, which is being upgraded to an all-season facility.

Phase Two

Pagoda Lake, Angel Pond and Deer Lake — all north of The Muny — will be linked with the park's lagoon system and a bridge to Pagoda constructed. This \$4.3 million project was started last summer and should be finished in August 1999.

Other construction projects under way are improvements to the fish hatchery building and surrounding lagoons to be used for youth fishing and nature programs. This \$4 million project is to be

completed in October 2000.

Phase Three

Improvements to the Municipal Golf Course; the creation of cascades in the river system and a new golf course lake; and improvements at Langenberg Field near the Grand Basin at the foot of Art Hill are planned during this phase. New holes will be created for the golf course. The work will be completed in October 1999 at a cost of \$3.6 million.

Phase Four

Extensive renovations around the Grand Basin will cost about \$12.5 million. The basin was the focal point of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Park officials said restoration of the Grand Basin will return it to its former grandeur.

Park attractions also targeted for work

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

In addition to renovations called for in the Forest Park Master Plan, improvements are proposed or being made at a number of the park's major institutions.

A \$5 million renovation and expansion of the Children's Zoo at the St. Louis Zoo recently was completed. The new facility is called the Emerson Electric Children's Zoo. Zoo officials recently announced a campaign to raise \$55 million for an expansion to be called River's Edge.

Visitors are to be able to see animals from around the world along a waterway winding through a lush landscape. Officials hope the first phase will be finished in 1999, with the second and final phase completed in 2001.

Also, the Monsanto Insectarium is to open in 2000 at the zoo.

Renovations to the Jefferson Memorial, which houses the History Museum, will include a 20,000-square-foot addition to be called the Emerson Center. The work will cost \$25 million, with funding from corporations and individuals.

Lafayette Square House & Garden Tour this weekend

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

After almost three decades, the Lafayette Square Spring House and Garden Tour remains a popular event.

Gwen Flack, tour chairwoman, expects about 5,000 visitors to the *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine dubbed it in a 1997 issue, one of the "Prettiest Painted Places in America."

The Lafayette Square neighborhood offers a rich and colorful mix of Victorian-era houses. "I think people are impressed by these magnificent houses, and some people also are surprised that people really do live inside them," Flack says.

The 29th annual tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. Call Daltix at 989-8000.

The self-guided tour begins at the Park House, 2025 Lafayette Ave., and includes 10 homes in Lafayette Square, plus five more in the adjacent McKinley-Fox and Lafayette Terrace neighborhoods.

"We decided to spread out and give exposure to some of the other

neighborhoods," Flack says.

Several homes have been completely renovated, while others are "works in progress," Flack says.

"I think people will be interested in the different types of restoration and the amount that's been done in some of the homes," Flack says.

Two churches also will be part of the tour, including Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, 2300 Lafayette Ave., and St. Mary's Assumption Church, 1120 Dolman St. At 2:30 p.m., at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, Anna Lise Millet and Howard Sutherland will sing music from Mozart operas, "La Boheme" and several American composers.

Live music in Lafayette Park June 6 will begin at 2:30 p.m. with the Grove Merchants. At 6 p.m., the band Uncle Albert kicks off the free summer concert series in the park. Concerts continue every other Saturday through mid-September.

History buffs should note that the 8th Missouri Reenactment Unit will re-create the Civil War era in Lafayette Park both days. Also, artists will display drawings and paintings during the annual Art-on-the-Fence show at Mississippi and Lafayette avenues.



Linda Gass Burgess photo

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Recognized for 10 years of dedicated service in Belleville Area College's Office and Technical, Public Safety and Support Services were staff members, from left, Ginny Hefflinger of Waterloo, Nancy Escher of New Athens, Ruth Fox of Red Bud, Shirlee Heatherly of Belleville and Char Baldwin of Granite City.

Automotive

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Saab 9-5

Saab 9-5 sedan: How Swede it is

By Tom Strongman



The test car was a loaded SE. What impressed me most was the mid-range punch of its turbocharged 3.0-liter V-6 as it snarled through the gears. Rated at 260 horsepower, it generates a nice push in the small of your back when you dip into the throttle, almost like a small V-8. That responsiveness is due to its asymmetric turbocharger system, wherein one small turbo is mounted on the front cylinder bank but feeds power to all six cylinders. Normally, turbocharging a V-6 would require twin turbos. The beauty of this setup is that it creates nearly instantaneous throttle response without a fuel consumption penalty.

Engine: 3.0-liter, V-6
Transmission: Automatic
Wheelbase: 106.4 inches
Curb Weight: 3,590 pounds
Base Price: \$36,800
Price as Driven: \$38,775
MPG Estimate: 21 city, 26 highway

What would you expect from Saab if not the unexpected? While the all-new 9-5 sedan looks like very mainstream, a generous portion of "Swabness" gives it a unique personality. Styling resembles an evolution of the former 9000, but slip into the ventilated seats of the upscale SE and you find yourself behind the wheel of a tight, quiet and energetic four-passenger sedan that rivals anything in its segment for driving pleasure. That's saying a lot, since rivals include such luminaries as the Audi A6 and the Mercedes-Benz E-Class. Prices range from \$29,995 for the base car to \$36,800 for the top-line SE, reasonable prices considering the competition.

Ventilated seats. This option uses two small fans inside the seat to pull air through perforations in the bottom cushion and lower back area. The cooling is subtle, but refreshing, and far outweighs the noise of the fans.

Active head restraints. In the event of a rear-end collision, the head restraints move up and forward to "catch" the occupant's head, reducing whiplash. The system moves back into place after an impact and is ready again. It requires no repair to restore it to original condition.

Night panel. At night, a button on the dash turns out all instruments except the speedometer, and it is illuminated to only 90 mph. The dark panel eliminates distractions and lessens fatigue on the driver's eyes.

Air filters. An electrostatic pollen filter is standard, but there's an additional charcoal filter to fight odors and bacteria. Safety features include front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and traction control.

Inside, the 9-5 looks similar to the 9000, but the instrument panel has been cleaned up and secondary switches are now larger and easier to operate. In the upscale SE, wood-grain trim adds a nice touch of warmth.

Like the smaller 9-3, the 9-5 now has its ignition key mounted on the central console. While I understand Saab's reason for putting it there (in one motion, the driver can buckle the seat belt, start the car and release the hand brake), I did not get used to it after a week.

At the end of my weeklong test drive I hated to see the 9-5 leave — not because of its styling, which is among the most conservative in its segment, not because it had a fluid, firm ride that swallowed the highway without breathing hard, but because the single-turbo V-6 snapped to attention every time you stepped on the throttle.

The base price of our test car was \$36,800. Options included ventilated seats (\$925) and heated front and rear seats (\$500). That brought the sticker price to \$38,775, including delivery. The standard warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Points & Plugs

Spring driving means turtles, slick roads

By Rick Stoff

May was the month of peak activity for the three-toed box turtle, says the Missouri Conservationist magazine. As you might guess, the turtles don't exactly zip across the road when they decide to venture to the other side. (May is fraught with opportunities and peril for turtles," the magazine says. "The abundance of food tempts them to wander far and wide, inevitably crossing roads. The result: carnage is more than sad; it may be ecologically significant.")

It's also important to be on the lookout for slick road surfaces this time of year, advises the Missouri State Highway Patrol. There are many sources of slick pavement — not only squashed turtles but also puddled rain water, overflowing drainage ditches and fog.

Worried about possible injuries caused by your vehicle's air bags and would like to install a cutoff switch? Good luck. The American Automobile Association recently surveyed 700 auto dealerships and repair shops and found that 62 percent were refusing to install air bag switches in customer cars for fear of legal liability in the event someone is injured in a car with the bag turned off.

Only 16 percent of shops said they would install the switches if the customer has authorization to do so from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The administration says at least 87 people, mostly children and short adults, have been killed by air bag detonations striking them in unintended ways.

Think it's bad when sleazy tow-truck companies maintain parking lots just so they can tow illegally parked vehicles then hit up the owners for the tow fees? Well, it's really bad in Detroit, where an estimated 300 vehicles are being towed away each month and sold for scrap.

Some tow-truckers race to pick up disabled vehicles off streets and highways and sell them for up to \$250. The vehicles are shredded before owners can find them, eliminating both the owners' transportation and evidence of the crime.

Clarence Dittlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety in Washington, says auto manufacturers need to reduce the weight disparity between the lightest and heaviest vehicles on our roads.

"In collisions between sport-utility vehicles and cars, the occupant of the car is four times as likely to be killed as the occupant of the sport-utility vehicle," he said. Dittlow, often a thorn in the paws of the car companies, says engineers ought to be using their electronic expertise to make cars safer, not just flashier.

He says many new cars have more computer power than some good home computers, and a lot of that capacity is to better use in making suspension adjustments and judging the proximity of nearby vehicles applying the brakes if necessary to keep the vehicles safely spaced.

Then if they could train the computers to activate the gosh-darned turn signals.

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